supposed to be a man. That time Rose opened it, it come a big
storm and everything. And it just didn't work. And she didn't
live long after that. That's what they believed. But, if a
person's going to die, they're going to die--I don't care where
you're at!

(Did they ever used to open them regularly back in the old days?)
At certain times--spring time. After the first thunder. Just
a few days after that, spring is here, everybody just doctor up.
They doctor them little kids, you know. All them. Put a little
medicine on them. But anyway all them things that they doctored,
all over, they're practically gone. We can't carry it on. Be-
cause we don't know about it no more than you know about Buddhism.
You've heard about it, but you don't know how to live it. You
can't live it because it's not yours.

(Did they ever used to pray to them?)
Yes. They had--you might say there's idols in it. Well, Indians,
they didn't exactly pray to the medicine, they'd pray to the
person that made that--the mind or knowledge that a man's got is
through some unseen spirit. Same as the Methodists and Baptists,
all different denominations. They all come from one creator.
But we don't know--we don't know God. We never seen Him before.
They never laid eyes on Him./ But all we learn is from the
scriptures, and that scripture's been translated from another
nation--the Hebrews and the Romans and the Greeks... (some con-
versation on languages)

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(Well, you were saying that when they start to tell this story
sometimes they'd pray. Well, in their prayers, would they re-
fer to the bundles or something?)
It's a mystery. Because, like, you go to a church. Before you
go into it, you have an invocation. Indians got the same belief.
We had that before the white man came. We had a lot of things
before the white man came. Even this telepathy--we had that all
the time. Mental telepathy and there's other things, things that
we had, that the whites are just now learning. Cause you're
learning we'll have to tell you. As long as you don't know him